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No one was seriously injured after a train clipped a minivan at the controlled crossing on Waverley Street near Taylor Avenue around 11:45 a.m. Monday morning. Witnesses told Metro the lone female driver of the van was treated on scene and released. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Lower gas prices 'a positive': Transit

Diesel. Expected cheaper price won't derail goal of seeing more electric buses on the street: Director



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The head of Winnipeg Transit said the "substantive move" downward of gas prices isn't translating into a boon for their coffers yet — however, it is something to look forward to in 2015.

Dave Wardrop, Transit's director, said the city's bus fleet actually runs on diesel and that price has been slower to drop than gas, which was at about 90 cents per litre on Monday.

"Because diesel fuel prices have remained higher than standard gasoline, the impact and potential savings has been muted," he said, adding diesel prices have only started to fall in the last

week or so.

"Certainly lower fuel prices are a positive for Transit and our operating cost as a whole, and because of that, we're able to look at more favourable pricing and budgeting."

Wardrop said that for 2014, Transit budgeted just over \$1.05 per litre of diesel. However, "our actual price in 2014 to date is \$1.12."

"Even with this recent drop in diesel pricing, actually our overall 2014 pricing probably will be above" what Transit budgeted, he said, adding Transit may revise its long-term budget if fuel prices stay low next year.

The expected cheaper cost of diesel won't derail Transit from its goal of seeing more electric buses in its fleet,

Impact

Dave Wardrop of Winnipeg Transit said for every penny diesel drops or increases in the price they budget, Transit sees a change of \$190,000.

Wardrop said.

Michelle Finley, a spokesperson for the city, said that in 2013, the Winnipeg Fleet Management Agency saw a total fuel usage of 7,417,507 litres.

For the city's fleet, which excludes Transit but does include police vehicles, a penny decrease means the city saves \$74,175, based on the 2013 numbers.

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Posters

Big Black Van ads likely a hoax: Cops

A poster popping up in downtown Winnipeg claiming to provide clean needles, STI screenings and snacks for hungry people is likely a hoax, say Winnipeg police.

A Reddit user submitted an image of the poster on Dec. 12, titled The Big Black Van Crew. The poster claims the van's owner will "help" at-risk youth or the homeless. The posters have no contact information.

On Monday, Const. Jason Michalyshen told media there have been no official complaints to the Winnipeg Police Service about the van or the people driving it. However, they said the situation appears to be a hoax.

Posts on Facebook and Reddit allege different sightings of the van around Winnipeg, with some claiming they've interacted with the driver.

Police said they're still gathering information and are taking the public's concerns seriously.

"We could be dealing with individuals who have absolutely good intentions, and maybe they're just going about it all the wrong way," said Const. Michalyshen. "We could have individuals who are engaging in a hoax or — worst-case scenario — we could have individuals who have criminal intentions. We don't know for sure."

The WRHA's Street Connections vehicle is a government service that provides clean needles to drug users. Police said they contacted the WRHA, and there is no connection between them and the black van.

SAMANTHA SAMSON/FOR METRO

Brothers charged. Arrests made in poppy-box thefts

Two Winnipeg brothers have been charged in connection with a series of poppy-box thefts from Nov. 3 to Nov. 5.

The men are accused of stealing poppy donation boxes from various businesses across the city. Police say that although there were seven thefts, some of them happened at the same location.

Police say they aren't certain how much money was taken.

"It's very difficult to know because these are donations," said Const. Eric Hofley. "People put in money, and it's never

known until the end of the day what (amount) was actually in the box." Const. Hofley said the two men are known to police.

Anthony Victor Joseph Prince, 22, and Michael Andrew Eugene Prince, 25, were arrested Sunday.

Anthony Prince has been charged with seven counts of theft under \$5,000 as well as seven counts of failing to comply with a probation order. Michael Prince has also been charged with seven counts of theft under \$5,000.

EVAN MATTHEWS/FOR METRO

2.2%. Transfer payments to increase slightly

Manitoba Finance Minister Greg Dewar said Monday he was disappointed to learn the province will only receive a 2.2 per cent increase in federal transfer payments next year. And he would not rule out provincial tax increases to add more revenue.

"This is a very modest increase, just over the rate of inflation and ... we still have to cover our growing health-care costs and family services and support to families," Dewar said from Ottawa.

"All provinces just received

Equalization

\$1.7B

Manitoba is set to receive just over \$1.7 billion in equalization payments next year, a drop of \$12 million from the current year.

the information ... and we're on our way back to Winnipeg now and we're going to crunch those numbers and make a decision later," he said when asked about possible tax increases. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Woman dead after stabbing in North End

Police investigating. Killing is Winnipeg's 23rd homicide this year



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A woman stabbed on a North End street early Sunday has become Winnipeg's latest homicide victim.

A passerby found Angela Marie Poorman, 29, critically wounded near the corner of Burrows Avenue and Charles Street around 6:30 a.m. and called police.

Poorman was rushed to hospital, where she later died.

At a press conference Monday, police spokesperson Const. Eric Hofley had few answers for reporters about what led to the

killing and wouldn't confirm media reports the victim's lap-top and purse were found untouched beside her.

"We're not getting into the specifics of it," said Hofley. "At this point, certain aspects of the investigation are being held back."

"I think what's important is to recognize Ms. Poorman ... has lost her life in an obviously violent manner, and investigators are anxious to get any information that may lead to the arrest of a suspect."

Hofley said Poorman is from Winnipeg but didn't live in the area where she was found.

The homicide is being handled by members of the major crimes unit. Anyone with information is asked to call investigators at 204-986-6219 or Winnipeg Crime Stoppers at 204-786-TIPS.



Police spokesperson Const. Eric Hofley speaks to media Monday about the stabbing death of Angela Marie Poorman, 29. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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Nine people injured in bus collision

Nine people suffered injuries after two buses collided near the corner of Mapleglen Drive and McPhillips Street on Monday morning. The streets were very slippery after freezing rain turned to ice overnight. No one was seriously hurt, said police. **BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO**

Reserve lacked resources to fight fires, inquest hears

2011 fires. Inquest examining deaths of three children, one adult in two fires on northern reserves

RCMP officers who responded to two fatal house fires on remote Manitoba reserves described Monday the futile efforts of neighbours trying to douse the flames with buckets, wet towels and little more than the water pressure of a garden hose.

An inquest, which wraps up this week in Winnipeg, is examining the deaths of three children and one adult in two separate fires on northern reserves in 2011.

Five children escaped a fire that started in a chimney in St. Theresa Point in January 2011, but it claimed the life of two-

month-old Errabella Harper. A second fire about two months later in God's Lake Narrows, started by an outdated space heater, killed Demus James and his two grandchildren, Throne Kirkness, 2, and Kayleigh Okemow, 3.

Const. Mark Stienwandt, who was stationed with the Island Lake RCMP, testified the house in St. Theresa Point was engulfed by the time he got to it. People were trying in vain to put out the fire with buckets of water carried from community water trucks.

Statistics show that residents of Manitoba First Nations are far more likely to die in house fires than people living off reserve, who are more likely to escape with injuries.

A recent survey of Manitoba First Nations found only 15 per cent said they had enough hose to battle a fire. Almost one-third did not have

a fire truck, and 39 per cent did not have a fire hall.

When the blaze happened in St. Theresa Point, the community's fire truck was broken, in a garage, with no fire hoses.

Const. Alexander Key was one of the first RCMP officers on the scene in God's Lake Narrows in March 2011. The reserve didn't have a fire truck, and the community's water truck was brought in. A nearby fire hydrant "was not in use or operational," Key testified.

Once fire consumed most of the house, Const. Morgan Page took stock of the smoldering wreckage. Inside the kitchen, she told the inquest she found the body of Demus James, then two other small bodies.

The inquest is scheduled to wrap up Thursday after hearing from other witnesses, including Manitoba's fire commissioner. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Klinic launches app for coping with stress

Preventing stress is the goal of a new smartphone app developed just in time for the end-of-year holidays.

Named Calm in the Storm, the free mobile app aims to help people cope with stress and prevent suicide, said Nicole Chammartin, executive director of Klinic Community Health Centre.

Tim Wall, Klinic's director of counselling, said neglecting stress management "can lead to painful and sometimes tragic consequences."

"Using proven de-stressing practices such as those in the new app can improve health, happiness and promote resiliency each and every day," added Wall in a press release.

The Calm in the Storm app, which received support



The Calm in the Storm app promotes resiliency, said Tim Wall of Klinic Community Health Centre.

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on how people with suicidal thoughts, which can be aggravated during the holidays, can keep themselves safe.

Deanne Crothers, minister of healthy living and seniors, said that while stress is a normal part of life, "we know that too much stress can be harmful."

"We are pleased to support Klinic in this initiative focused on keeping Manitobans of all ages healthy and safe, a focus our government shares," she said.

BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO



Cooking for a good cause

Red River College Culinary Arts students prepared hot turkey meals with potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables and cranberry sauce, as well as Christmas cookies, for the clients at Siloam Mission on Monday.

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Fit with prosthetics, happy dog now running

Hector, a border collie cross who lost his back paws after they were frozen to the ground in northern Saskatchewan, is now running around on prosthetic parts. It's believed his hind feet and tail were ripped off in January 2013 when his mother picked him up off the ground. His new owner, Lisa Korol, held a fundraiser this year to raise funds for Hector's \$3,800 prosthetics. Korol said she hopes to get him certified as a therapy dog to help people who have lost limbs and are undergoing rehabilitation. LISA KOROL/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa needs site to honour Aborigines

First Nations. Museum architect understands need for Holocaust memorial, but feels Aboriginal suffering needs city's recognition



Douglas Cardinal CONTRIBUTED

LUCY SCHOLEY
Metro in Ottawa

The unceded Algonquin land slated for the National Holocaust Monument would be better suited for a memorial honouring First Nations people, according to the architect of the Canadian Museum of History.

While Douglas Cardinal said it's important to commemorate the millions who died in the Holocaust, there needs to be better recognition of the First Nations people who have suffered within their own country.

"What about the First Nations that had 95 per cent of

their population wiped out?" said Cardinal. "And how about the survivors and children that had been taken away and put in residential schools where 40 per cent died in those conditions? What we don't want is a memorial for the harm and destruction and misery caused by others. We want a place of celebration and reconciliation and forgiveness."

The National Holocaust Monument will sit at the corner of Wellington and Booth streets and face the Canadian War Museum. Like the land underneath the Supreme Court of Canada and Parliament Hill,

it's considered unceded Algonquin territory. The Algonquin people and the province of Ontario have an ongoing land claim negotiation concerning a massive swath of the eastern part of province.

Cardinal said he would envision a different memorial on that land — one that does not acknowledge the "destruction of our people," but rather celebrates their survival.

"Many people have come to this land because of the abuse that they had in their own country ... They had to leave and so they came and shared the land with us," he said. "But they forget that we're still here. We survived."

There's no significant architectural representation of First Nations people in Ottawa he added, noting the lack of an aboriginal embassy, but the National Aboriginal Veterans Monument in Confederation Park does commemorate aboriginals who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Toronto community to honour ex-PM in Ethiopia

Brian Mulroney's name could soon be associated with a bus station in a rural Ethiopian village that has come to be known as "Little Canada."

A group of Ethiopian-Canadians in Toronto want to pay tribute to the former prime minister by refurbishing and naming a major bus terminal after him. They've launched

a \$50,000 online fundraising campaign to transform the station in Debre Tsige, a small village south of Ethiopia's capital.

When Mulroney took office in 1984, Ethiopia was in the middle of its largest famine — an event that caused hundreds of thousands of deaths. The former prime minister spearheaded efforts to contribute

about 10 per cent of all international aid to Ethiopia and, ultimately, saved many lives.

A number of Debre Tsige residents immigrated to Canada following the drought and a period of civil unrest.

"People have posters of Justin Bieber and Celine Dion in their houses and in bars," said Samuel Getachew, a Toronto

community organizer and activist originally from Debre Tsige.

"People there feel so close to Canada."

Online fundraising for the bus station renovations runs through the end of February. The goal is to start the work by summer.

GILBERT NGABO/METRO IN TORONTO

Lac-Mégantic disaster

Musi-Café quietly reopens

The restaurant-bar at ground zero of the deadly train derailment and explosion that killed 47 people in July 2013 is back in business.

The Musi-Café quietly opened its doors to the public today in a new location, about 400 metres from the original site.

Owner Yannick Gagné says only three of the original employees have returned to work with him in his new establishment. He lost three workers in the deadly explosion and about a dozen have decided not to come back to work with him.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tuberculosis scare

Student falsely diagnosed

Newfoundland and Labrador's largest health authority says a junior high student diagnosed last month with tuberculosis did not, in fact, have the disease. Eastern Health is apologizing for any distress the mistake caused, saying the error stemmed from a rare and isolated cross-contamination of a culture specimen. Medical treatment has been discontinued for the Grade 9 student. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Michael Sona

Robocall sentence to be challenged

The Public Prosecution Service of Canada wants to challenge the nine-month sentence Michael Sona received for election fraud. A notice of appeal has been filed arguing the sentence given to Sona, the only person charged and convicted in the 2011 scandal, did not reflect the gravity of the offence.

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The Santa Bus features larger than life images of the jolly old man himself along with all his happy reindeer on the exterior of bus #818.

This week, look for the Santa Bus on route 19 Marion-Logan, Notre Dame. If you are planning to make a donation, please remember, Winnipeg Transit does not accept bills or pennies on any of its buses.

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Ethiopia

'Little Canada' to honour former PM

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prime minister by refurbishing and naming a major bus terminal after him. They've launched an online campaign to raise \$50,000 to transform the station in Debre Tsige, a village south of Addis Ababa.

The former prime minister spearheaded government efforts in 1984 to contribute about 10 per cent of all international aid to Ethiopia, ultimately saving many lives.

GILBERT NGABO/METRO IN TORONTO

Fraser Valley

Avian flu detected at another B.C. farm

Federal officials say avian influenza has been detected at a tenth farm in B.C.'s Fraser Valley.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has updated its list to include a Langley farm housing table-egg layers.

The outbreak in those barns was confirmed Saturday, affecting another 53,000 birds and hiking the total number of poultry to be destroyed up to 233,800.

The H5N2 strain of the disease was first identified on Dec. 1 in Chilliwack and Abbotsford and has prompted the establishment of a control zone covering the southern half of B.C.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Washington, D.C.

Canada defends Keystone XL at energy meeting

The Canadian government used an energy summit in Washington to argue for the continued relevance of the Keystone XL pipeline project in the face of plummeting oil prices.

The plunge has buoyed opponents of Canadian oil who argue that the new normal in oil prices has obliterated the logic supporting the project. But Natural Resources Minister Greg Rickford challenged that argument.

"This kind of price volatility reminds us how fragile the global economy still is and ... how close to home it can still impact us," said Rickford.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Magnotta's fate is in jury's hands

Slaying of Jun Lin. A Quebec Superior Court judge has instructed the jury on what they need to consider during deliberations

The jurors at Luka Rocco Magnotta's first-degree murder trial were sequestered on Monday after the judge told them what they need to consider as they deliberate his fate.

Magnotta has pleaded not guilty to five charges, including first-degree murder, stemming from the May 2012 slaying and dismemberment of Jun Lin, 33.

Quebec Superior Court Justice Guy Cournoyer's detailed final charge also opened the door to a conviction on second-degree murder or manslaughter on the murder charge.

But if the jury finds Magnotta not criminally responsible, Cournoyer said the verdict must apply to all five charges. It's also the issue he suggested jurors tackle first when deliberations begin Tuesday.

In addition to premeditated murder, Magnotta is charged with criminally harassing Prime Minister Stephen Harper and other members of Parliament; mailing obscene and

indecent material; committing an indignity to a body; and publishing obscene materials.

Psychiatrists for the defence testified throughout the trial that Magnotta is schizophrenic, was psychotic the night of the slaying and was unable to tell right from wrong.

Crown prosecutor Louis Bouthillier countered there was no mental illness at play and that the crime was planned and deliberate. He has said Magnotta should be found guilty of first-degree murder and the four other charges.

Cournoyer told the jurors they would need to answer two questions for the mental-disorder defence to be accepted. Firstly, is it more likely than not Magnotta was suffering from a mental disorder at the time of the offence? And secondly, did the disorder make him incapable of knowing the acts were wrong?

He walked them through the various expert reports, medical documents and testimony they could consider. However, if the answer to either of those questions is no, then Magnotta is not exempt from criminal responsibility, Cournoyer said.

If the jury opts for a verdict of not criminally responsible, Cournoyer told them Magnotta would not be set free if he's considered a significant threat to public safety.



An artist's sketch shows Quebec Superior Court Justice Guy Cournoyer instructing the jury on Monday at the murder trial for Luka Rocco Magnotta in Montreal. Magnotta is charged in connection with the death and dismemberment of university student Jun Lin. MIKE McLAUGHLIN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Paranoid schizophrenia is a disease of the mind, but it is for you to decide whether Mr. Magnotta was suffering from paranoid schizophrenia at the time of killing," he said.

"Under our law, the verdict of not criminally responsible by reasons of mental disorder is not a loose term — quite the contrary. There are specific criteria to determine whether the

defence of mental disorder is applicable."

The jury will be required to render a unanimous verdict on each count.

Magnotta has already admitted to the physical acts of the case, meaning the jury will need to determine intent as well as the level of planning in the slaying.

Cournoyer told them they

must rely solely on the evidence they have heard over 40 days since the trial began in late September.

Magnotta did not testify and didn't meet with a Crown psychiatrist, but the judge said he was not obliged to do so as part of his mental disorder defence.

"You must not infer Mr. Magnotta's guilt from his fail-

ure to testify.... You cannot use his silence at trial as evidence of his guilt," the judge advised.

Among the evidence to consider, Cournoyer said the jury will have to keep in mind that Magnotta's statements given to defence psychiatrists about facts surrounding the events in May 2012 and his own state of mind have not been independently proven. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Danes claim scientific data links North Pole to Greenland

An Arctic expert says an unspoken agreement between Arctic nations on how to divvy up northern seas is all but dead now that Denmark is presenting scientific data that it says gives it a claim on waters past the North Pole.

The claim, which was set to be filed with the United Nations on Monday, will force Canada into tough future negotiations on overlapping claims instead of being able to rely on deals worked out in advance, said University of Brit-

Quoted

"It's generally a good thing to negotiate issues when the stakes are relatively small. Once the stakes grow, then you get vested interests and more political possibilities."

Michael Byers, international law professor at the University of British Columbia, on future negotiations to settle the boundaries on the sea floor

ish Columbia international law professor Michael Byers.

"Most people who follow this issue are wishing that we hadn't arrived at this point,

that the gentleman's agreement was going to take care of these matters and set in place a workable agreement that would have provided stabil-

ity," Byers said from Novosibirsk, Russia.

Interest in the Arctic is intensifying as global warming shrinks the polar ice and opens up possible resource development, potential new fisheries and new shipping lanes.

The area is believed to hold an estimated 13 per cent of the world's undiscovered oil and 30 per cent of its untapped gas.

Danish Foreign Minister Martin Lidegaard says scientific data shows Greenland's

continental shelf is connected to the 2,000-kilometre-long Lomonosov Ridge beneath the Arctic Ocean. He says that gives Danes a claim to the North Pole and any resources on the sea floor.

The United Nations panel will eventually decide control of the area. The Danes claim the right to exploit an area of 895,000 square kilometres. The area goes right up to Russia's exclusive economic zone 370 kilometres off its shoreline. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's claim

Last December, Canada surprised its Arctic neighbours when it made its own filing under the United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea. It said the Arctic component, widely expected to stop short of the North Pole, wasn't complete and that it would include data backing up a claim that would include the Pole and waters beyond.

Friends of alleged rape victim say Rolling Stone article 'incorrect'

Frat party. Students working on correcting the record about night of alleged gang rape

Three friends of an alleged victim of gang rape at a University of Virginia fraternity house say they were incorrectly portrayed as being more concerned about their reputations than her well-being in a magazine article that set off an intense debate about violence on campuses and ethics in journalism.

Almost a month after the scathing Rolling Stone article was published, Kathryn Hendley, Alex Stock and Ryan Duffin say they are still trying to set the record straight — even though the magazine has apologized for the story and noted discrepancies in it.

The friends told The Associated Press that the article was



University of Virginia students walk past the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house in Charlottesville.

STEVE HELBER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

wrong on a number of key points, especially its assertion that they urged the victim not to report the alleged attack.

Their alleged indifference

was woven into a narrative that portrayed a culture of sexual violence on U.S. college campuses.

Rolling Stone's reporter

Sabrina Rubin Erdely and managing editor Will Dana did not respond to an email from The Associated Press on Sunday morning seeking comment.

The three friends say they continue to work on correcting the record about what happened that night. At least one, Duffin, a 20-year-old third-year student referred to in the article as "Randall," wonders to what extent he believes the victim's own version of what happened — or whether any discrepancies in her story matter.

"People at U.Va. want answers just as much as I do," says Duffin. "But if anything, the takeaway from all this is that I still don't really care if what's presented in this article is true or not because I think it's far more important that people focus on the issue of sexual assault as a whole."

A lawyer representing the victim, who has been identified only as "Jackie," has declined several requests to interview Jackie and did not immediately respond to a request for comment for this article. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Conflicting reports

None of the three friends were contacted by Rolling Stone's reporter before the article was published.

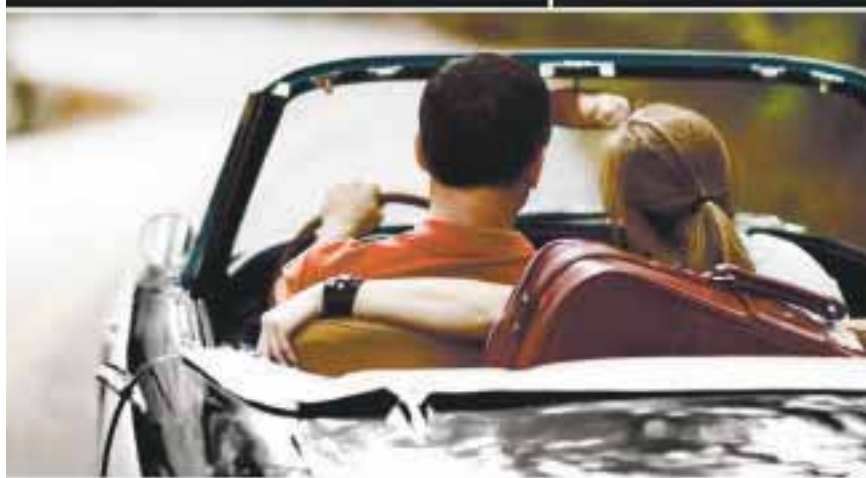
- **Ryan Duffin.** The student, who's allowed his full name to be used for the first time, says "everything" about him in the Rolling Stone article is incorrect.
- **Kathryn Hendley and Alex Stock.** Known as "Cindy" and "Andy" in the article, the two reject multiple assertions made. Hendley said that the Rolling Stone reporter apologized to her for portraying her that way.
- **Sabrina Rubin Erdely.** The friends say the reporter reached out to them and that she has told them she is re-reporting the story.

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Germany. Merkel warns against anti-Islam rhetoric

Chancellor Angela Merkel warned Germans on Monday not to be duped by far-right rhetoric amid concern about the rising number of anti-Islam demonstrations in the country.

A group calling itself Patriotic Europeans against the Islamization of the West, or PEGIDA, has staged weekly rallies in the eastern city of Dresden that have attracted thousands of supporters. Some 10,000 protested last week, and police said about the same number were on hand again Monday night.

"There's freedom of assembly in Germany, but there's no place for incitement and lies about people who come to us from other countries," Merkel



German Chancellor Angela Merkel
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

told reporters in Berlin. "Everyone (who attends) needs to be careful that they're not taken advantage of by the people who organize such events."

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Sexual-abuse lawsuit

Boy Scouts hit with \$7M verdict

A Connecticut jury has issued a \$7-million verdict against the Boy Scouts of America in a lawsuit by a man who says he was sexually abused by a scout

leader in the mid-1970s.

The man alleges he was sexually abused by scout leader Siegfried Hepp. A message seeking comment was left Monday at phone listings for Hepp in Connecticut and Florida. He wasn't a defendant in the lawsuit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hollande praises France's diversity, scorns far right

Immigration. As far-right groups promote homogeneity, the French president champions inclusive policy to ensure dignity

French President Francois Hollande on Monday praised the contributions that immigrants have made to France and criticized those generating fear of foreigners, an apparent reference to the growing voice and influence of the far-right National Front.

In his first speech about immigration since taking office in 2012, Hollande said an immigration policy is necessary to ensure both "dignity" for those it welcomes and a cap on how many can be accepted.

He bemoaned the fact that acts of anti-Semitism and racism are on the rise in France

and that some fear the "disappearance" of France, a reference to claims by the National Front and others that Islam will one day take over French civilization. Hollande noted that one in four French have at least one foreign ancestor.

"There are those who dream of a little France ... a France turned inward," Hollande said. "We must fight against these (ideas) in the name of France."

Hollande spoke at the inauguration of the National Museum of the History of Immigration, which opened seven years ago but without a formal inauguration by then-president Nicolas Sarkozy. The delay is a sign of how contentious the subject of immigration is in France, which has the highest Muslim and Jewish populations in western Europe.

The conservative UMP party of former president Sarkozy quickly criticized



French President Francois Hollande, right, with Luc Gruson, general director of the National Museum of the History of Immigration, second right, looks at an exhibition during a Monday visit to the museum. Hollande has applauded the contributions of immigrants to France, despite opposition from the anti-immigrant far right. YOAN VALAT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hollande's long wait to address immigration. As president, Sarkozy made reducing immigration a major policy focus. Now trying to

make a political comeback, he said in a recent speech that immigration "threatens our way of life."

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Rice case. Mom says son shot before he could obey

The mother of a 12-year-old Ohio boy fatally shot by police who believed he was carrying a gun said Monday he was never given a chance to follow officers' orders.

Samaria Rice said in an interview at The Associated Press offices in New York that her son, Tamir Rice, was shot before he could respond to orders after the police pulled up next to him on a Cleveland playground and a rookie officer fired within two seconds. Tamir had an airsoft gun, which shoots nonlethal plastic pellets.

Rice said she wants the officer charged with murder and called on authorities to make sure young officers don't "ignore the training."

Police say officers were responding to a call Nov. 22 about someone possibly carrying a gun. They say Tamir didn't respond to commands to raise his



Samaria Rice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

hands before officer Timothy Loehmann fired his weapon. They also meant to stop the patrol car farther from Tamir, but the vehicle slid on the grass, the Cleveland police union has said.

Rice said she found out later that Tamir was handed the fake weapon by a girl at the playground. She said police also put Tamir's 14-year-old sister in handcuffs as she rushed to help her mortally wounded brother that day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police probe hostage deaths in Sydney siege

Lindt Chocolat Café.
Three dead, including Iranian-born gunman

The deadly siege began in the most incongruous of ways, on a sunny Monday morning inside a cheerful café in the heart of Australia's largest city. An Iranian-born gunman burst in, took 17 workers and customers hostage and forced some to hold a flag with an Islamic declaration of faith above the shop window's festive inscription of "Merry Christmas."

It ended after midnight with a barrage of gunfire that left two hostages and the gunman dead, four others wounded and a nation that has long prided itself on its peace rocked to its core.

After waiting 16 hours, police decided to storm the Lindt Chocolat Café early Tuesday when they heard a number of gunshots from inside, said New South Wales state police Commissioner Andrew Scipione.

A loud bang rang out, several hostages ran from the building, and police swooped in amid heavy gunfire, shouts and flashes.

A police bomb-disposal robot was sent into the building, but no explosives were found.

"They made the call because they believed that at that time, if they didn't enter, there would have been many more lives lost," Scipione said.

The gunman was identified as 50-year-old Man



A hostage runs to armed tactical-response police officers for safety after she escaped from a cafe under siege at Martin Place in the central business district of Sydney, Australia, on Monday. ROB GRIFFITH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Haron Monis, who had been prosecuted in the past for sending offensive letters to families of Australian troops killed in Afghanistan.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott said Monis had "a long history of violent crime, infatuation with extremism

and mental instability."

Scipione wouldn't say whether the two hostages who were killed — a 34-year-old man and a 38-year-old woman — were caught in crossfire or shot by their captor. Among the four wounded was a police officer, shot

in the face.

"Until we were involved in this emergency action, we believe that no one had been injured. That changed. We changed our tactic," he said.

An investigation into the incident was underway.

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Man Haron Monis

The gunman was known to authorities.

- Last year, he was convicted and sentenced to 300 hours of community service for using the postal service to send offensive letters to families of soldiers killed in Afghanistan.

- Monis was charged with being an accessory to the murder of his ex-wife. Earlier this year, he was charged with the sexual assault of a woman in 2002. He has been out on bail on the charges.



Man Haron Monis in April 2011 after a pretrial hearing in Sydney. DEAN LEWINS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Philadelphia area. Suspect in killing of six eludes law

A man killed six people and seriously wounded another in three different homes outside Philadelphia and remained at large hours after the shootings, authorities said Monday.

Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman identified the suspect in the shootings in Philadelphia's northwest suburbs as 35-year-old Bradley William Stone. She said all of the victims had a "familial relationship" to Stone.

On Monday afternoon, police converged on a home in Pennsburg, about 48 kilometres northwest of Philadelphia, and used a megaphone to try to compel an end to their daylong pursuit.

"Bradley, this is the police department!" an officer yelled. "Come to the front door with your hands up. You're under arrest."

Ferman said Stone was likely wearing military fatigues and was known to use a cane or walker to assist him.

The shootings occurred at homes in Harleysville, Lansdale and Souderton, three towns that are within a few miles of each other.

One neighbour, Evon Weron, said the suspect is a former member of the military and that the first victim was his ex-wife. Weron told the Lansdale Reporter the couple had been fighting over custody of children. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cleared ... 18 years too late

China. Court overturns conviction of man executed for 1996 rape and murder of woman

A court in northern China on Monday cleared a man of the rape and murder of a woman in a public toilet 18 years after he was executed for the crime. The Inner Mongolia Higher People's Court announced on its microblog that it had overturned the conviction of Huugjilt (one name only), who was 18 when sentenced to death and executed for the 1996 crime.

The deputy head of the court, Zhao Jianping, offered his "sincere apologies" to Huugjilt's parents, China's official Xinhua News Agency reported. The parents received 30,000 yuan (about \$5,000 US) as an expression of the court's sympathy and were told they

could claim an unspecified amount of compensation.

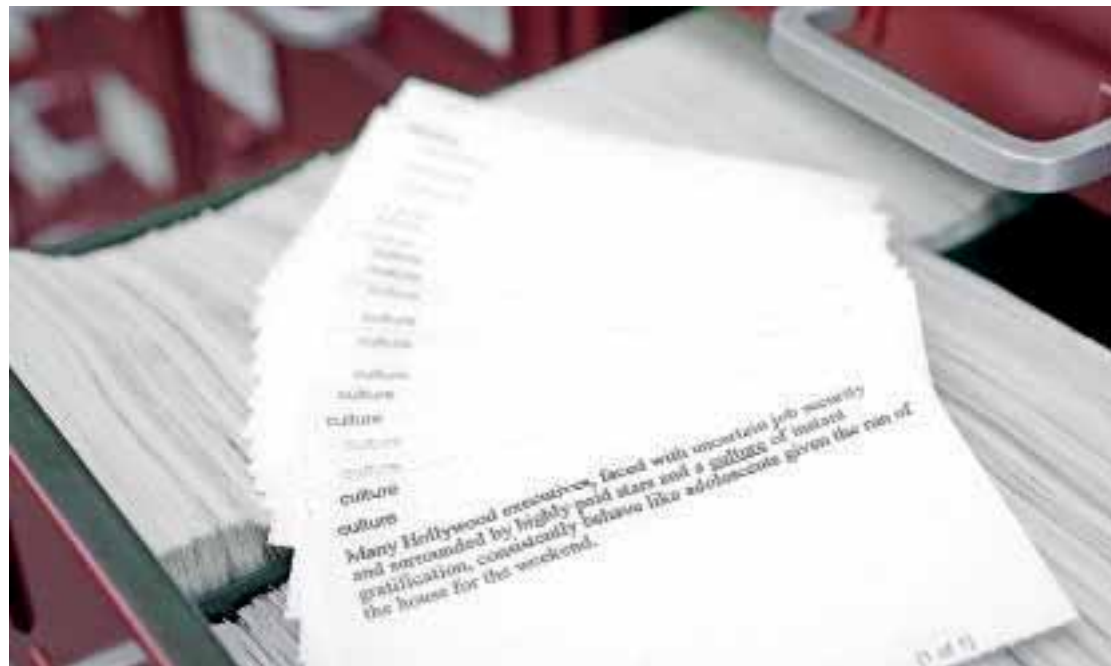
State media had previously reported that a convicted serial rapist and killer confessed to the murder in 2005 after receiving a death sentence for other crimes, but was never tried for this killing and has still not been executed. Huugjilt's retrial was held only last month.

Huugjilt had come to the attention of the police after reporting that he had found the woman's body in Hohhot after hearing a cry for help.

China is believed to execute more people for crimes each year than the rest of the world combined, but keeps the data secret.

Huugjilt's trial and execution came amid one of China's periodic "strike hard" campaigns, during which police and courts were put under extra pressure to break cases and punish criminals.

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Merriam-Webster picks 'culture' as its word of the year

This Dec. 9 photo shows Merriam-Webster's 2014 word of the year, "culture," on citation files of the word used in context over time at the dictionary publisher's offices in Springfield, Mass. Merriam-Webster based its pick and nine runners-up on significant increases in lookups this year over last at its home page, Merriam-Webster.com. The word joins Oxford Dictionaries' "vape," a darling of the e-cigarette movement, and "exposure," declared the year's winner at Dictionary.com during a time of tragedy and fear due to Ebola. In the No. 2 spot is "nostalgia," followed by insidious, legacy, feminism and a rare multiword phrase, in a foreign language at that: the French "je ne sais quoi." STEPHAN SAVOIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UN Security Council

Palestinians seek vote on occupation

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas will push for a UN Security Council vote this week on a resolution setting a November 2016 deadline for ending the Israeli occupation, officials said Monday.

Such a move could set the stage for a clash at the Security Council, both over the resolution, which is backed by Jordan, or over a second proposal by France, which seeks a



Mahmoud Abbas
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two-year deadline for Israeli-Palestinian negotiations on the terms of Palestinian statehood.

The Palestinian push at the Security Council is largely symbolic. Abbas is under pressure after U.S.-led talks between Israel and the Palestinians collapsed in the spring.

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And then there were five

Rare white rhino dies, one of last six

A northern white rhinoceros that zoo officials said was only one of six left in the world died Sunday at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. Angalifu, who was about 44 years old, apparently died of old age.

His death leaves only one northern white rhino at the zoo — a female named Nola — one at a zoo in the Czech Republic and three in a preserve in Kenya.

Rhino horns are valued as dagger handles and are mistakenly seen as an aphrodisiac. As a result, poaching has pushed the rhinos to the brink of

extinction.

Attempts to mate Angalifu with Nola weren't successful.

And last week, preservationists at the Old Pejeta animal sanctuary in Kenya conceded that their one male and two female northern white rhinos will not reproduce naturally.

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Fad. S. Korea goes nuts for macadamias

South Korean retailers are experiencing a boom in sales of macadamias after nut rage imploded the career of a Korean Air Lines executive and embarrassed her family and country.

The flavourful macadamia nut was unfamiliar to many South Koreans until Cho Hyun-ah, the daughter of Korean Air's chairman, ordered a flight attendant off a Dec. 5 flight from New York City after she was served them in a bag, instead of on a plate.

Macadamias are now a household name in South Korea, and with curiosity about their taste piqued, sales are booming.

Auction, a South Korean unit of eBay and South Korea's second-largest e-commerce website, said Monday that sales of macadamias surged nearly 12-fold during the previous five days without any promotions. It said macadamias previously made up five per cent of its nut sales but were now accounting for almost half.

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Halal beef supplier misled Muslims: U.S.

Indictment. Iowa company allegedly misled customers about slaughter methods

A food supplier for several years falsely marketed beef to Muslims around the world as meeting strict halal standards, exporting products that weren't slaughtered in accordance with Islamic law, U.S. federal prosecutors allege in a major fraud indictment.

Midamar Corp., based in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, sold at least \$4.9 million US in beef to customers in Malaysia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates and elsewhere that did not follow the halal practices promised in its labelling and advertising, according to the indictment returned Dec. 5 by a grand jury.

Midamar and its direc-



William Aosey Jr., company founder, poses for a portrait in front of an image of Damascus, at Midamar Corp. in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in this Sept. 2010 file photo. MARY WILLIE/THE DES MOINES REGISTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

tors, brothers Jalel and William (Yahya) Aosey, are charged with conspiring to make and use false statements and documents, sell misbranded meat and commit mail and wire fraud.

Also indicted is another company the brothers controlled, Islamic Services of America, which is one of the few organizations approved by Malaysia, Indonesia, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and UAE

to certify beef for import into their countries. The defendants are charged with 91 other counts of making false statements on export certificates, wire fraud and money laundering.

Midamar's founder, 73-year-old William Aosey Jr., pleaded not guilty to similar charges last week. His sons, ages 40 and 44, were scheduled to be arraigned Monday in federal court in Cedar Rapids.

Midamar issued a statement calling the charges a violation of the U.S. constitution's separation of church and state, saying it was inappropriate for the government to judge halal practices. The company said its slaughter methods have been vetted by halal auditors during its 40-year history and the "company continues to maintain its high level of halal integrity."

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Australia

Uber backtracks after price hikes

The ride-sharing company Uber was promising free rides and refunds Monday for people fleeing central Sydney, after coming under fire for hiking prices during a hostage crisis that was unfolding there.

Technology news website Mashable reported that Uber was briefly charging customers a minimum fare of 100 Australian dollars (\$82 US) and four times the usual per-mile rate to leave the city centre. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Impacting work

Banker dodged rail fares for 5 years

A London banker has been banned from working in the financial services industry after he was caught dodging rail fares. The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) said in a statement Monday that Jonathan Burrows has been banned for not being "fit and proper."

A spokeswoman said the company believed Burrows was dodging fares for up to five years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Statistics Canada. Household debt climbs to 162.6% of disposable income

A sustained period of low interest rates has allowed Canadians to rack up record levels of debt which, along with tumbling oil prices, pose a threat to the country's financial stability, economists say.

The total amount of credit market debt — which includes mortgages, non-mortgage loans and consumer credit — held by Canadian households hit a record high in the third quarter, climbing to 162.6 per cent of disposable income from a revised 161.5 per cent in the

second quarter.

That means Canadians owed about \$1.63 for every dollar of disposable income, according to the latest figures from Statistics Canada.

"The Bank of Canada has a lot on its plate in terms of assessing risk to the Canadian economy," Leslie Preston, an economist at TD Economics, said in a note.

"The recent collapse in oil prices (is) likely to have an adverse effect on Canada's growth over the next year, and particu-

larly on incomes in oil-producing regions," Preston said. "Now, household debt risks are heating up once again. Overall developments argue for continued caution by the central bank, with interest rate hikes still a ways off in the future."

The bank's overnight rate, which generally influences the interest rate charged by lenders for variable rate mortgages and lines of credit, has remained at one per cent for more than four years.

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Critics. Lehman Brothers' lessons might be fading

Six years after the collapse of Lehman Brothers, the lessons of the financial crisis may already be fading from collective memory in the U.S.

Just last week:

— Congress acted to loosen the regulation of the high-risk investments that ignited the 2008 crisis.

— Housing regulators cut minimum down payments on home loans.

— The Institute of International Finance declared it "worrisome" that global

indebtedness, as a share of world economic output, has reached record levels.

All this comes as subprime auto loans for financially stretched buyers are surging. And the so-called too-big-to-fail banks that needed a taxpayer bailout in 2008 now loom even larger than before the crisis: America's five biggest banks account for 44 per cent of bank assets, up from 38 per cent in 2007, according to SNL Financial.

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THE NEW FACE OF FEMINISM

Metro's Kristen Thompson looks at high-profile young feminists, such as recent Nobel Prize-winner Malala Yousafzai, who are taking a cause traditionally championed by adults and inspiring those in their cohort to effect change



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There's a new face to feminism these days. It's a youthful face, made up of girls fighting for women's rights before they've become women themselves.

Consider Malala Yousafzai, who has just become the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. She was only 11 years old when she became a vocal activist for the universal right to education.

Her rallying cry for children's and girls' equality is aimed at policy-makers. But, by virtue of her age, she's inspiring fellow children.

It was girls who clutched photos of Malala at a school assembly in Pakistan to celebrate her Nobel Prize. Her autobiography is available in a young reader's edition to make her story more accessible to a younger audience.

Everywhere you look these days, girls' rights campaigns are aimed at, well, girls. There's Plan Canada's Because I Am A Girl movement. There's Fbomb.org, which connects teens concerned with gender equality. There's TeenFeministBlog, run by high-schooler Jules Spector, a teen advisor for the UN's Girl Up campaign.

And there are high-profile feminists such as Demi Lovato, Lorde and Emma Watson, the latter of whom recently gave an

eloquent and rousing speech to the UN on the topic of gender equality.

Megan Boler, a professor of media and education at OISE-University of Toronto, notes there has been a profound shift in the perception and popularity of gender issues and that young people are, in large part, a driving force.

She attributes this shift to several factors, including Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential run, which ignited discussions about women in politics; young women's involvement in the Occupy movement; the Slut Walk protests; and increased discussions about cyberbullying in light of the suicides of several teen girls who were bullied by classmates.

"There's something about feminism that's being rekindled and reclaimed," says Boler. "Generational divides will not discourage young women from getting involved. I'm seeing it with my own nieces. They bring up issues about sexism in the media and gender roles."

"If we see role models of all different ages, then the hope-

ful implication is that 'feminist' stops becoming this bad word and ... that it's cool at all ages to engage in working for gender equality."

This is the feminism girls are growing up with: A confident and empowering movement where people such as Malala are telling girls they have a voice and that even children can ignite change.

This new era is teaching our girls they don't need to look solely to adults to fight for them; they are empowered to fight for their own rights to education, safety and sexual freedom.

Whether these girls grow up to be the next Gloria Steinem or Germaine Greer remains to be seen. But whether they create change through politics and activism or simply through the way they treat each other, they will have made a difference.

This didn't start with Malala. But she's been a huge catalyst. The impact of that brave, inspiring girl will have a ripple effect that will be felt by girls as they grow into women. This is Malala's legacy.



Clockwise, from top: Despite being shot by the Taliban for expressing her views, Malala Yousafzai is championing the rights of girls to go to school; Singer Lorde is confident and outspoken and openly identifies as a feminist; Demi Lovato is an advocate for women's health and anti-bullying campaigns and is open about her struggles with negative body image; Emma Watson is the UN Women Goodwill Ambassador. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Fourth-wave feminism

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Girls learning that feminism is unfinished business: Prof

Metro talked to Dr. Joan Simalchik, a professor in gender studies at the University of Toronto, about how feminist role models are getting younger.

Is there a new trend of young feminists championing for girls' rights?

Yes. Many in this generation of young people ... begin with an understanding that the goals of feminism are pretty well reached, but

when they venture out, they see that full equality is far from their reality.

Violence is still very present. Pay equity has not been achieved, and child-care is often not available or affordable. Women still are responsible for much domestic labour and family caregiving. When they see popular figures such as Emma Watson speak out, their own feelings are validated. And when they learn

about Malala Yousafzai's bravery, they are inspired to exercise whatever agency they can muster.

What are the implications of this trend?

When their expectations clash with reality, they look to make change. You can see this in the public initiatives young women have organized. The York University students who founded Slut Walk are a good example. Because

violence is so prevalent, this campaign has resonated widely.

Why is this important?

Because there is unfinished business along with contemporary issues like cyberbullying. The National Film Board has a new film with that name: The Unfinished Business of Feminism in Canada.

Is feminism changing

from one generation to the next? Each generation responds in their own culturally available way to their own particular context. This generation for instance uses social media in ways that far outpace previous networking options. Beyond the form, the content of their feminism is far more diverse.

They see the intersection between race, class and gender clearer. They

have responded to the Idle No More message and have taken up the demands for an end to violence against indigenous women. Feminism has changed — from time to time and from place to place. While my students love to learn about Nellie McClung's Mock Parliaments staged to gain voting rights for women, none of them, myself included, would identify as suffragettes. **KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO**

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Lindsay Lohan ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Lindsay Lohan vows to never return to Hollywood

She's thought long and hard about it, and Lindsay Lohan is through with Hollywood.

"I won't live in L.A. again, hell no," she tells the Observer in a lengthy interview.

"My friends tell me s— when they come over I don't want to hear. I don't even know who got married and who got pregnant. You turn on the news in L.A. and it is all gossip about people. All the stuff that is going on in the world right now and this gossip is the news? I love the BBC. I haven't heard myself mentioned on TV since I have

been here. That has been really weird for me, and great."

So there you go. The secret to keeping Lindsay Lohan away is to constantly mention her.

I'd like to take this time to announce that Ms. Lohan will feature into every single thing I write from now on.

Ahem. Also of note? Lohan seems to suggest her past issues with excessive partying that got her into so much trouble weren't really her own fault, but more the fault of her friends and their lack of creativity when it came to social activities. Well, them and the

paparazzi.

"In L.A. I didn't know what to do apart from go out every night. That's when my friends were free. And I would go out and there would be all these cameras there and that's when it became difficult," she explains. "I can go for a run here on my own. I do every morning, early, and I think how my friends in New York would still be up partying at that time. I needed to grow up, and London is a better place for me to do that than anywhere else." Congratulations, London. She's all yours.

Lisa knows not to let it all out in email

While Sony has been busy siccing its lawyers on publications and sites that have been gleefully disseminating details from the massive hacker-fuelled info dump, a lot of the damage has already been done — and people have opinions about it!

Among those people? Former Friends star Lisa Kudrow, who is more disappointed in the execs for not understanding how a life online works than anything else. "How come I know you don't write anything you don't want

broadcast in an email? How come I know that? Who's advising (these) people?" the Comeback star blasted during a HuffPost Live chat. "It doesn't matter how many times (an email) says, 'This is confidential, meant for just between the sender and the recipient.' Why don't we know that there are no rules? Everything is broadcast and published. That's the part I just don't understand."

She says that now, but just wait until the contents of her Amazon wish list are made public.

Lisa Kudrow



Forget the ice bucket: Samuel L. Jackson wants celebs to sing

Pulp Fiction star and Marvel mainstay Samuel L. Jackson has a new challenge for celebrities who helped make the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge so successful this summer. He wants them to use that social media power to raise awareness about the protests happening around the U.S. following a New York grand jury's decision not to indict a police officer in the choking death of Eric Garner. "All you celebrities out there who poured ice water on your head, here's a chance to do something else," Jackson says in a video posted to Facebook.



Samuel L. Jackson

"I challenge all of you to sing the We Ain't Gonna Stop Till People are Free song."

Jennifer Aniston is sick of the baby speculation

Speaking of Friends, Kudrow's old co-star — and newly minted Golden Globe nominee — Jennifer Aniston is taking a stand against the near-constant tabloid cycle of speculation about her plans for a family. "I don't like (the pressure) that people put on me, on women — that you've failed yourself as a female because you haven't procreated. I don't think it's fair. You may not have a child come out of your vagina, but that doesn't mean you aren't mothering — dogs, friends, friends' children," she tells Allure magazine. "I have a lot of friends who decided not to have children, who can't have children, or are trying but are having a difficult time. There's all sorts of reasons why children



Jennifer Aniston

aren't in people's lives, and no one has the right to assume. It's quite rude, insulting and ignorant."

At just 25, Taylor gets her own retrospective

Los Angeles' Grammy Museum unveiled a brand new exhibit this weekend called The Taylor Swift Experience, full of guitars, clothing, news clippings, old journals and general detritus culled from the 25-year-old's brief, but hugely successful, music career. While it may seem odd to have a retrospective museum exhibit for someone just barely born in the '80s, keep in mind that most of the instruments and costumes on display are from the recently abandoned country music part of career, so she wasn't using them anymore anyway. Also in the exhibit? One of her

Grammys, as Swift has already won so many that she could spare one for the exhibit. Assuming, that is, she even notices it's gone.

Taylor Swift

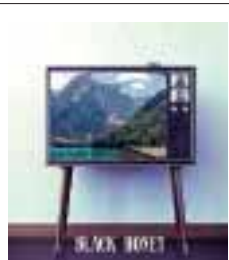


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The next wave of soul, grunge and pop stars

This time last year, Sam Smith — now a six-time Grammy nominee — was just beginning to gain attention, and Banks' acclaimed debut album *Goddess* was still more than a half-year away. What artists are next in line for a breakout year come 2015?

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Black Honey

Not much is known about the Brighton band Black Honey, whose music so far consists of a handful of demos. Those demos, though, are promising — powerful female vocals over lush, surf-rock instrumentals. **Listen to:** Sleep Forever

Låpsley

Success is coming quickly for teenage soul-folk singer-songwriter-producer Holly Fletcher, a.k.a. Låpsley. Shortly after debuting on the scene, the Liverpool native signed to XL Recordings, home of Adele and The xx, and she's got a debut EP, *Understudy*, due Jan. 5. **Listen to:** Falling Short



Josef Salvat

You likely know this Australian-born, London-based singer from his stripped-down take on Rihanna's *Diamonds*. He released the EP *In Your Prime* in 2014 and he has a debut album of his soulful electro-pop on the way. **Listen to:** Open Season

Vérité

New York's Vérité came onto the scene in July with her pure, punchy alternative pop. She released a debut EP, *Echo*, in October, and we look forward to what 2015 will bring. **Listen to:** Strange Enough



Wolf Alice

Another hotly tipped band that's already achieved some fame through live shows, especially in their native U.K. The grunge rock band from London debuted in 2013 with the single *Fluffy* and just put out an EP, *Creature Songs*, in May. **Listen to:** Moaning Lisa Smile

Others to watch

- **Ryn Weaver.** New York/L.A.-based Ryn Weaver released her first pop single in June to viral success. **Listen to:** OctaHate.
- **James Bay.** The British singer-songwriter has had a noteworthy 2014 in the U.K., and earned the promising Brits Critics' Choice award. **Listen to:** Hold Back the River.
- **Shura.** London singer Aleksandra Denton, a.k.a. Shura, has won over many critics with her cutting-edge synth-pop evoking '80s and '90s greats such as Madonna. **Listen to:** Touch **AFP**

Grammys to honour Stevie with a tribute

Music. Celebration for Motown legend to be recorded Feb. 10 in L.A. and aired Feb. 16

The Grammys will pay tribute to Stevie Wonder with a special performance.

Organizers announced a two-hour show in the Motown legend's honour to be recorded on Feb. 10 at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles, two days after the awards.

Jack Sussman, an executive at CBS, which will broadcast the tribute on Feb. 16, said the show will "give everyone he's inspired a

chance to show our esteem."

"His music is as poignant as it is appealing and his songs have the ability to illustrate our world in every note," he said.

The show follows the model of a special last February to celebrate 50 years since the Beatles arrived in the United States. **AFP**

Grammy success

Stevie Wonder, the 64-year-old visually impaired artist, has won 25 Grammys, including Album of the Year in 1974, 1975 and 1977. The 1977 award was for his seminal double album *Songs in the Key of Life*.



Stevie Wonder **AFP**

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Twelve days of meditation

De-stress. OK, there's technically only nine days left until Christmas, but while you're decking the halls (and braving the mall) find inner calm

GABBY BERNSTEIN
Metro in New York City

When people tell me they don't have time to meditate, I reply, "Do you have time to feel like crap?"

We're all busy, especially in December, but with these seven steps we can all make time to meditate.

We all have a minute to spare

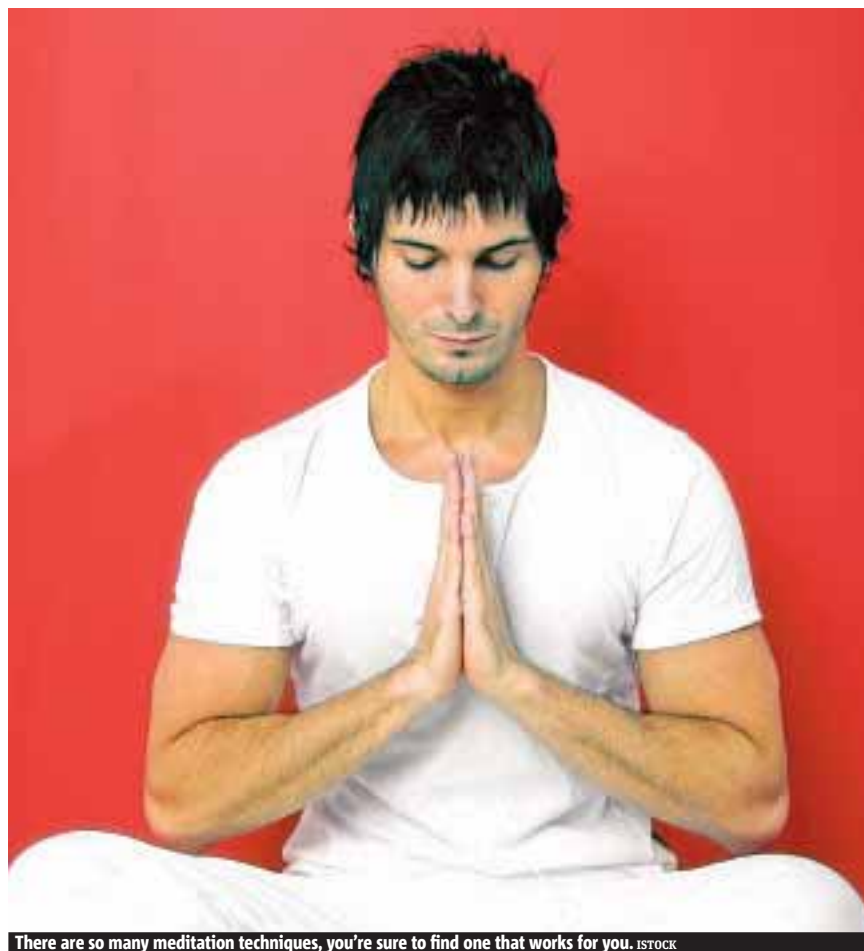
One minute of every day spent in stillness can change your life. Commit to taking even just one minute a day, using it to silence your mind and calm your energy, and follow this breathing technique: Breathe in for five seconds, hold your breath for five seconds, release for five seconds, hold for five seconds

Peace is in your pulse

Meditation can be as simple as finding your pulse. This one is easy for meditation newbies. A great meditation for beginners is what I've nicknamed Peace Is in Your Pulse. It improves your concentration and brings calm to even the most scattered mind.

Begin by sitting comfortably cross-legged on the floor. Lightly close your eyes and focus on the space between your eyebrows (the third-eye point). The mantra is "sat nam" (which means "truth identified").

The hand position (mudra) is simple. Place the four fingers of your right hand on your



There are so many meditation techniques, you're sure to find one that works for you. ISTOCK

left wrist over your pulse. The fingers are in a straight line, lightly pressed on the wrist so you can feel your pulse in each fingertip. On each beat of your pulse, mentally hear the sound of sat nam.

This meditation can be done any time, anywhere, and you can experience great benefits in just one minute. Practise it daily to develop your intuition and calm your mind.

Peace begins with you

This technique is a fantastic Kundalini meditation that's fast, easy and effective.

Gently press your thumb against your other four fingers individually, and say one word: index finger (peace), middle finger (begins), ring finger (with), pinkie finger (me).

Breathe deeply as you say each word. Go as slow or as fast as you'd like. Use this technique

in line at the bank, under the desk in an office meeting or in the middle of a fight with your partner. This technique will get you through all kinds of crazy emotions and help you release resentment fast.

Meditate while you cook

If you enjoy cooking, then it can be considered a meditative practice. Time spent in the kitchen is designated for crea-

tivity and helps you detach from your day. Next time you feel stressed out after a long day, cook a meal. Use your time in the kitchen to redirect your focus from your to-do list and onto serving your soul. Enjoy the process, and then enjoy the meal!

Walking meditation

You can find a meditative moment even when you're walking. The next time you're running an errand or walking to your office, make it meditative.

- Take a deep breath with every step.
- Feel your feet and focus on being more grounded with each step.
- Use a mantra while you walk. With each step, recite these words: "I am calm now."

A great place to try walking meditation is when you're in a crowded mall frantically finishing your holiday shopping.

Take a five-minute tech break

One of the main reasons we're so stressed is because of technology we are always carrying with us. Give yourself a five-minute tech break once a day.

Use that five minutes to practise one of the meditations you've learned here. Use your one-minute breath, go for a walking meditation or find peace in your pulse. Turn off your phone, step away from the computer and create space for stillness.

Use these steps to bring more meditative moments into your day and get your zen on well into the New Year!

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Heart trumps brain in movie or book choices

EVA KIS
Metro in New York City

When you need a good cry, do you reach for the movie that's "based on a true story?"

Science says you're giving your brain far too much credit.

According to a new study published in the Journal of Consumer Research, it doesn't matter whether the story is inspired by actual events or is purely fictional once you've made an emotional investment.

The reverse — going for a

novel over a memoir to avoid feeling sad — is also a false assumption, according to the authors from Brandeis and New York universities.

"Consumers may choose to read a tragic fictional story because they assume that knowing it was fictional would make them less sad than reading a less dramatic, but true, story," they write.

"However, the fictional nature does not alter the impact of the tragic story, leaving them more emotionally distraught than if they had read the true

story instead."

In the study, viewers were shown a movie they were told was fictional. Though this audience reported lower levels of sadness, they had been allowed to take breaks during the screening, which researchers theorize could have allowed them to remember that the story was not true.

In a different study, subjects claimed it would leave them sadder to know that a tragic story they'd just read had really happened rather than being made up.

Two other groups read the same story and were told either that it was an accounting of true events, or completely fiction. Both felt sad regardless of what they'd been told.

The only beneficiaries of this self-delusion, the researchers write, are publishers and movie studios willing to back a project simply because it's based on a true story.

"However, our results suggest that while emphasizing realism may increase sales, it does not necessarily increase satisfaction," the authors say.



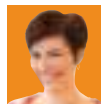
A new study shows because a movie is fiction doesn't mean you will be less sad than if it were based on true events. ISTOCK

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Dip your way to being the trendiest hostess

Spinach Bread Spread.

These dippable suggestions will make holiday entertaining (or gifting) a lot easier



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FLASH FOOD



From your fridge
to your table in
30 minutes or less

Holiday parties are a perfect time for dips and flatbreads. You can certainly buy all kinds of dips that will do the trick but they may contain more mayo and salt than anything else.

It really doesn't take much to mix a few items together to bump up the healthy factor, not to mention bragging rights that it is homemade!

Consider making large batches and using jars to deliver them as hostess gifts. Just be sure to let your host know that it isn't actually "canned" and must be refrigerated. Or better yet, put it out for other guests now so you can shine in your own little spotlight when people "oooh" and "ahhh".

Try these combos, tweak ratios to get the texture,



This recipe serves 24. THERESA ALBERT

Ingredients

- 1 10-oz package frozen chopped spinach thawed
- 1 8-oz can artichokes
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cup low-fat cream cheese
- 1/2 cup fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1 clove garlic, pressed
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- Salt and pepper

thickness and intensity that you would like. These are foolproof combos, you can't mess them up!

Apple chutney: Apple pie filling, curry powder, sesame oil

Tzatziki: Greek yogurt, grated cucumber (squeezed dry), garlic, salt

Blue cheese dip: Greek yogurt, blue cheese, grainy mustard, garlic powder

Artichoke and Asiago: In blender, pulse one can artichokes, grated Asiago, Greek

yogurt, garlic, dill.

Warm chèvre and cranberry dip: Whole cranberries, orange juice, honey, cooked and cooled. Stir in goat cheese, serve warm.

Things to spread and dip have come a long way, too! Flatbreads are all the rage, both soft and crispy. Look for Ethiopian Teff bread called Injera. It's considered

a kitschy throwback to include good old saltines and crackers with the higher end, cooler options. But if you try to pull that off on its own, be prepared for some foodie bullying.

Spinach Bread Dip

With the right chewy bread, this could be a whole meal! But do share at a party, it takes seconds to whip up, but fills you up and nour-

ishes at the same time.

1. Drain spinach and squeeze dry. Blend all ingredients in a blender. Serve warm (heated in oven or microwave) or cold from fridge with chewy bread.

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This recipe makes 16 appetizers. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An on-demand appetizer base

Planning for a crowd this holiday season? Grab a box of woven wheats.

That's the generic name for

Ingredients

- 16 dates, pitted
- 3 ounces manchego cheese, cut into wedges (each about the size of half a date)
- 16 Triscuit crackers
- 8 slices bacon, each cut in half crosswise
- Ground black pepper

Triscuits — those woven-wheat crackers that are delightfully salty-crunchy-savoury.

They are a perfect on which to build any number of crowd-pleasing holiday appetizers at the last minute.

Top the crackers with slices of cheddar and an anchovy. Or try Parmesan and strawberry jam. Then you could experiment with fresh goat cheese, a dried apricot and fresh chives.

Go Mediterranean with slices of salami, sun-dried tomato and manchego cheese, French with brie and fig jam

and a hunk of ham. You get the idea.

To help get you rolling, here is a simple recipe for a really tasty variant of this holiday entertaining appetizer. But you really should take it in any direction that inspires you.

Triscuits with Dates and Bacon

1. Heat oven to 400 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil.

2. Use a paring knife to cut open the dates, remove the pit (if necessary), then wedge

a chunk of cheese into each. Set each date on a cracker, then wrap half a slice of bacon around the entire thing, overlapping the ends of the bacon on the underside of the cracker.

3. Arrange the assembled crackers on the prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle with pepper, then bake for 10 to 15 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and the bacon is starting to crisp. Cool slightly before serving.

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Domestic dispute

Enough evidence against Voynov for trial: Judge

Slava Voynov's wife told police the Los Angeles Kings defenceman hit, choked and pushed her into a television in their bedroom during a fight in October, an officer testified Monday.

After hearing the description of the injuries to Voynov's wife, a judge ruled Monday that there is enough evidence against the player for him to stand trial on a felony domestic-violence charge.

Voynov has pleaded not guilty to one felony count of corporal injury to a spouse with great bodily injury and will be re-arraigned on the charge on Dec. 29. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Las Vegas expansion

Tycoon careful not to push his luck

Bill Foley is trying to bring an NHL expansion team to Las Vegas and so far he's marching in step with commissioner Gary Bettman.

"I'm an ex-Army guy. I follow orders," Foley said in a phone interview over the weekend. "We've been very careful in our meetings with the NHL administrative staff, just trying to make sure that we do things in the proper fashion. We're not pushy; we're not demanding."

The league and its owners — and two-thirds would have to approve a bid — have many questions about a possible venture into the Las Vegas market. Foley points to the city's growing business community.

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Struggling Oilers show Eakins door

On to the next one. Nelson from AHL affiliate will serve as interim head coach, the team's fifth in seven years

Oilers general manager Craig MacTavish sacked head coach Dallas Eakins on Monday, saying while Eakins is taking the fall for mounting losses, he isn't solely to blame for what's shaping up to be another dismal NHL season in playoff-starved Edmonton.



Craig MacTavish
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"There's blood all over my hands in this too as well because I put the lineup together and the roster,"

MacTavish told a news conference at the Oilers' downtown offices.

"But it's just the compounding of the losses that led me to this decision."

MacTavish will take over as head coach on a transitional basis before handing the reins to Todd Nelson, who is being promoted to interim head coach from Edmonton's American Hockey League affiliate in Oklahoma City.

MacTavish said he didn't have a timeline on when he would return to the front office.

Nelson inherits a team that has lost 15 of its past 16 games and is last in the



The Oilers fired head coach Dallas Eakins on Monday. Eakins had just one full season under his belt with the team.
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Western Conference with 19 points through 31 games.

The Oilers are on track to miss the playoffs for the ninth consecutive year, and Nelson will be the fifth head coach in seven years.

Disillusioned fans in recent weeks have begun voting with their feet.

Gaps and rows of empty seats are commonplace at Rexall Place, and tickets can be had for fire-sale prices.

Criticism has been pointed directly at management, including hockey operations boss Kevin Lowe and owner Daryl Katz.

Sputtering offence

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The Oilers, despite offensive magicians like Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Jordan Eberle and Taylor Hall, are averaging just 2.1 goals per game.

Considered one of the hottest coaching candidates when with the AHL's Toronto Marlies, Eakins was the star hire made by MacTavish when he took over as general manager less than two years ago.

MacTavish was so keen to lock up Eakins he fired the head coach at the time, Ralph Kruger, on Skype.

Eakins, with a four-year deal, was seen as an X and O's wunderkind, on the cutting edge of the new generation of coaches with novel ideas like the swarm defence.

It didn't translate to the ice.

The Oilers finished with the third-fewest points in the NHL in 2013-14 with a record of 29-44-9 in the one full season under Eakins.

They were 7-19-5 so far this year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

McDavid gets green light to practise in full



Connor McDavid has been cleared for contact and started practising with the rest of the Canadian team in St. Catharines, Ont., Monday. VAUGHN RIDLEY/GETTY IMAGES

Connor McDavid shrugged off the latest sign of progress in his return from a broken bone in his right hand.

The junior hockey star has been cleared for contact and has started practising with the rest of his Canadian world junior teammates. That came as no surprise to McDavid, who expected to be at this point in his recovery all along.

"It's kind of been the plan for a while now," McDavid said. "The last checkup was a couple Tuesdays ago, and that's kind of been the plan

Potential linemates

McDavid appeared to fit in seamlessly Monday skating between Nic Petan and Robby Fabbri on the second line. Sam Reinhart centred the veteran first line between Max Domi and Anthony Duclair.

from Day One, was to start contact on this date."

The plan has McDavid on track to be healthy and ready

to go when Canada opens the tournament Dec. 26 against Slovakia in Montreal. But shedding the yellow no-contact jersey and getting through a full practice was an important step toward that goal.

"How did they feel? Do they look confident on the ice when they skate, do they have poise with the puck, do they seem to have chemistry out there?" head coach Benoit Groulx said. "When you look at Connor today, I thought he had all that, and it is good to see that." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Kobe happy not to be 'villain'

Lakers legend.

Bryant talks about his competitive edge after surpassing Michael Jordan in career points

All these years, Kobe Bryant has been chasing Michael Jordan.

The bar doesn't get any higher than that. And after Bryant passed Jordan for third on the NBA's career scoring list in the Los Angeles Lakers' 100-94 win over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Sunday night, he offered a glimpse into the relentless mentality it takes to run down a legend.

"I think the competitive nature is something that frightens a lot of people when you peel back truly what's inside of a person to compete and be at that high level," Bryant said. "It scares a lot of people that are just comfortable being average."

Bryant has been compared to Jordan for a long time, in part because he dared to chase him. Where Bryant is every bit Jordan's equal is in the tenacity that has kept him going through a torn Achilles

Quoted

"I'm used to being the villain, man."

Kobe Bryant on how good he felt after receiving an unexpected ovation from Timberwolves fans on Sunday.

tendon, bone-on-bone friction in his knees and now the painful rebuilding of a proud franchise.

"His competitiveness drives him in the off-season to work to be able to play at the level he plays," Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders said. "His competitiveness during the games to dominate offensively and defensively and then his competitiveness of wanting to win. He'll challenge teammates if need be and will do whatever it takes to try to get that edge."

It's the only way Bryant knows. And he learned by studying the best.

"I think when you look at Michael's (Hall of Fame) speech," Bryant said, referring to a speech in which Jordan cited those who he perceived to have gotten in his way over the years. "People really got a chance to see how he ticks and it scared a lot of people, right? But that's just the reality of it. You can't get to a supreme



Kobe Bryant being announced before the game against the Minnesota Timberwolves on Sunday at Target Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. HANNAH FOSLIEN/GETTY IMAGES

level without channeling the dark side a little bit."

Bryant's willingness to embrace the darkness has, in his own eyes, cast him as one of the league's villains. It also likely ensures that his farewell tour, whenever that comes, will not be of the warm

and fuzzy variety that New York Yankees star Derek Jeter enjoyed last season.

"Derek and I are different people," Bryant said. "He hides it a lot better but I guarantee you our competitive spirit is exactly the same. He just hides it better or chooses to hide it. I

don't choose to hide it."

When No. 24 stepped to the free-throw line midway through the second quarter on Sunday night - with 5:24 remaining and 24 seconds on the shot clock, to be exact - needing both shots to move past Jordan, a Lakers-heavy crowd

at Target Center stood and serenaded him. Cell phone flashes flickered as the first and second shots swished through and the Timberwolves stopped the game, with owner Glen Taylor presenting Bryant the game ball to a thunderous ovation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Humphries prepares to make history – twice



Kaillie Humphries, right, and her teammate D.J. McLelland, ride a bobsled backwards to a news conference in Calgary on Monday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kaillie Humphries is preparing for a historic and hectic day in her bobsled career.

Because of a quirk in the schedule, the Canadian pilot will race her signature two-woman event and about an hour later make her World Cup debut as a four-man pilot Saturday.

Humphries and Elana Meyers Taylor of the U.S. will be the first females to pilot four-man bobsleds in a World Cup. Both will do double-driving duty in the men's and women's races at Calgary's Canada Olympic Park.

"When it rains, it pours, you know the old saying," Humphries said Monday in COP's Ice House. "It's going to be a very intense day."

"I haven't ever had to be in this situation before. I'm not able to draw from experience. No one has been in this situation, coaching staff, nobody. It's going to be trial and error. We're going to face it the best way we know how."

Humphries has logged four runs at Olympic Games and world championships, but they're spread over two days. On Saturday, the second

heat of the women's race starts at 12:30 followed by the first heat of four-man at 2 p.m. local time.

So Humphries, the two-time Olympic gold medallist, and Meyers Taylor will have little time to mentally switch gears between the women's and men's races.

"I've never had to do four all-out runs in one day, let alone with limited time in between," Humphries said. "It's new for everybody, not just for Elana and I, but for the rest of the world to be in this position. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Mixed teams

Humphries asked the world's governing body of the sport in May to allow her to pilot a men's sled. With just six weeks until the start of the 2014-15 racing season, the FIBT gave her the green light by declaring four-man bobsled "gender neutral," allowing for mixed teams and all-female teams to compete against men's four-man sleds.

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Nationals

Harper to sign for two years: Source

Outfielder Bryce Harper and the Washington Nationals came to terms on a \$7.5 million, two-year contract, avoiding a grievance hearing, according to a person familiar with the agreement.

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Yankees

Headley pushes Rodriguez off third

Chase Headley is staying with the Yankees, agreeing Monday to a \$52 million, four-year contract that signals New York is not counting on Alex Rodriguez to play third base regularly.

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The New York Yankees' Chase Headley, left. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Sacramento Kings

Coach Michael Malone sacked

The Sacramento Kings fired coach Michael Malone just 24 games into his second season over philosophical differences over the team's style of play, said general manager Pete D'Alessandro Monday.

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Fifth Washington QB

Gruden returns to Griffin

Robert Griffin III is back as the starter for the Washington Redskins against the Philadelphia Eagles on Saturday, the fifth starting quarterback change made by coach Jay Gruden this season.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

Aries

March 21 - April 20

It may seem as if someone has taken advantage of your kindly nature but could it be you are overreacting? Even if they have been less than honest has it done any harm?

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The next 24 hours will be hectic. If you find yourself rushing all over the place but not getting much done you should take that as a sign that you have lost control.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Don't bite off more than you can chew today, especially if you are trying to impress important people. The best way to influence them is to be yourself.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

This could be a lucky day for you, especially if you are prepared to overcome your own cautious nature and take a risk of some kind.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

If you give the impression that you are anxious for success you could attract the attention of those who know how to play on your greed.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

A loved one will be a little too emotional today but if you want some peace you are going to have to help them deal with their issues.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You don't have to explain your motives or your actions to anyone. If someone demands to know what you are doing just tell them to mind their own business.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The more others say something cannot be done the more determined you will be to prove them wrong. Just be careful you don't take on something that is beyond even your formidable powers.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If you let your emotions get the better of you today you will most likely regret it later in the week. However bad something may be, it isn't worth getting worked up.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Anyone who expects you to stay in one place today is going to be disappointed. You will rush, maybe with no idea of where you're going.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

The atmosphere will be a bit tense today. That could spell trouble if you are the type of person who relieves tension by spending money.

Pisces

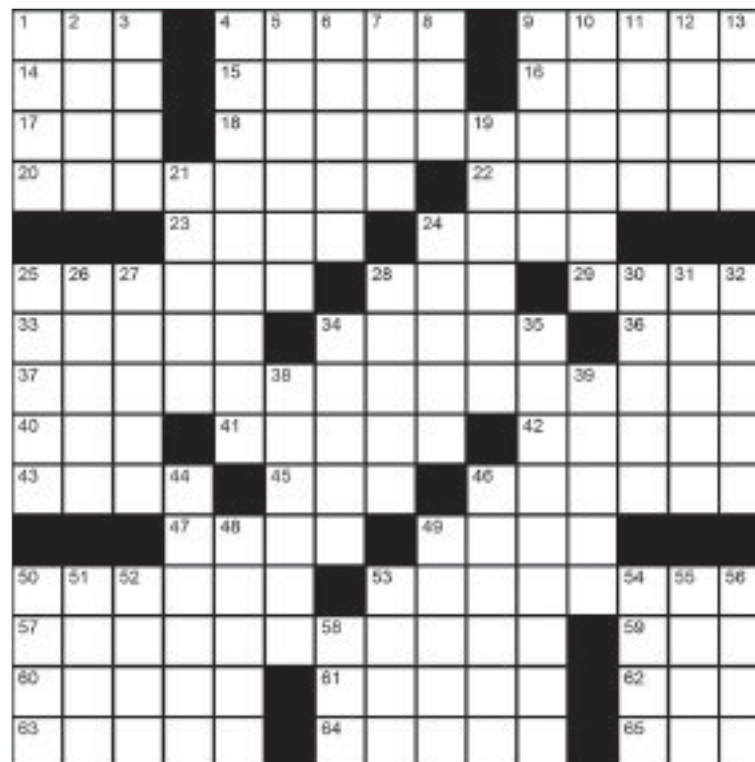
Feb. 20 - March 20

You may have to react to a series of minor crises today. Most of them are of your own making.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Classy car
4. Sofa-turned-bed
9. Story with morals
14. Ms. Remick
15. Way to serve a deli sandwich: 2 wds.
16. Be of service
17. Compass dir.
18. Stephen Harper in 2011 ...and again in 2015?: wd. + acr.
20. St. ___ Basilica, in Charlottetown
22. Unorthodox belief
23. "Hey, there..."
24. Rock's covering
25. Bury
28. Sci-Fi play
29. Samson's biblical hideaway, Rock of ___
33. Polynesian language
34. Old labour camp of Russia
36. Lettered sun ray
37. Everest enthusiast: 2 wds.
40. Early hrs.
41. "Have a Little Faith in Me" singer John
42. Room and ___
43. ___ and exercise
45. Alphabetic trio
46. Skating great Ms. Yamaguchi
47. Belinda Carlisle's "___ Weak"
49. Gotchas!
50. That landing craft on Comet 67P
53. Drink known for its 'chocolatey' malt



flavour

57. Invitee's offering for the party planner: 2 wds.
59. Li'l diagram
60. Computer chip company
61. Athenian's shopping venue

62. "Alice" waitress

63. West+Yorkshire city in England
64. Currency of Kuwait
65. Thumbs-up

Down

1. Discharged some

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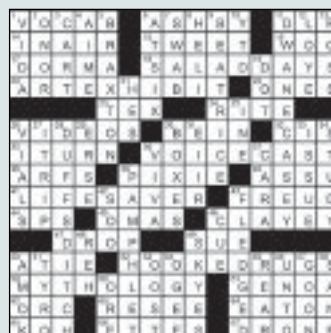
2. Bill of fare
3. Imagine, archaically
4. Slave River town in the Northwest Territories near the Alberta border: 2 wds.
5. Anxiety

6. University in Peterborough, ON

7. Belonging to Pop-eye's beloved Olive
8. Wedding announcement word
9. Fortunes
10. Disinclined
11. Beseached

12. Go-Go's: "Our ___ Are Sealed"
13. Like certain trees
19. Like music meant for an ensemble to sing
21. Reject
24. Swindle
25. Irate one's declaration: 2 wds.
26. The Beauty Myth author Ms. Wolf
27. Type of abode
28. "___ You" by Bryan Adams
30. Band instruments
31. Deflect
32. Tuesday: French
34. Huge
35. 'Rock of...' or 'Strait of...'
38. Musician Ms. Mann's
39. "Push" band from Vancouver
44. Leaning
46. The face of the Great Sphinx is believed to be in this Pharaoh's likeness, variantly
48. Certain Celts
49. Airplane: French
50. Drummer/singer Mr. Collins
51. Sharpen skills
52. Fancy suffix to 'Art'
53. Today, in Rome
54. Borderline
55. Cairo's river
56. Me-me-me's
58. Down

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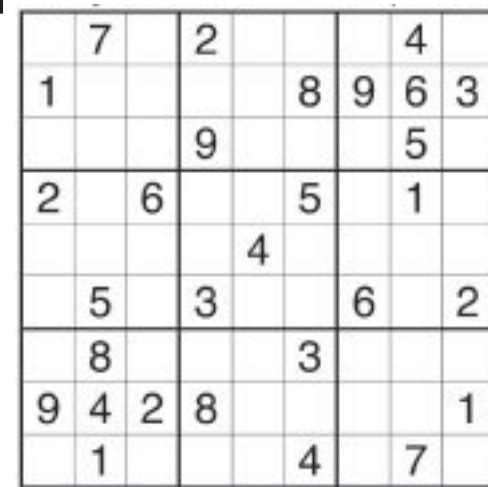


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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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